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## THAT PIG IN A POKE.

Here is a story in brief which should interest every water taxpayer in this city:

January 4, 1907—Gill property sold to Ogden Waterworks company. Consideration, \$5,000.

December 31, 1908—Gill property transferred to Ogden City by Ogden Waterworks company as part of \$155,400 purchase.

February 15, 1909—Gill property again purchased by Ogden City and warrant ordered drawn.

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in the machinery of the city administration. The manner in which the waterworks commission bill was handled indicates that there is no head to the affairs of the city unless that head be James DeVine.

After reading A. W. Agee's letter in another part of this paper, the public will become convinced that even DeVine must be headless.

A. W. Agee, who is a lawyer of considerable ability and a former lieutenant governor of Nebraska, by a careful search of the records has proved one of two things, that the members of the present city administration are deceiving themselves or are attempting to deceive the taxpayers of this community. In either case there is gross incompetency displayed, which calls for public consideration.

## WATERWORKS COMMISSION BILL REPORTED ADVERSELY.

The Ogden Waterworks commission bill has been killed in committee. Let us rejoice. The bill was conceived in darkness and never was intended to stand the light of criticism.

After rejoicing, let us hope that the members of the city administration, now that the waterworks problem is again before them for solution, will cease treating the taxpayers of Ogden as unworthy of being taken into their confidence, and that, before acting on the important matter of disposing of the management of the waterworks system, they will submit their plans to the people for consideration.

But, above all, let us hope that some day soon they will inform the taxpayers as to the extent and value of the waterworks property this city is supposed to have purchased.

## OGDEN A BENEFICIARY.

That the Spokane rate case decision is of great importance to Ogden is made evident by the fact that in a similar case now pending before the Interstate Commerce commission, in which the complainants are the merchants of Reno, Nevada, the jobbing houses of San Francisco and Los Angeles intervened in behalf of the railroads to oppose the contention of the Reno merchants, claiming that, if Reno were granted terminal rates, other interior cities would make a similar claim and thus the jobbing houses of the coast cities would suffer.

Ogden jobbers are awaiting with much interest the receipt of the full text of the decision, for it may prove of vast advantage to Ogden.

A Salt Lake business man, a student of these rate issues, told a local banker that in his opinion the Spokane decision, when made to apply to this section, will add materially to the importance of Ogden as a jobbing and distributing center and tend to materially increase Ogden's prosperity.

Local jobbers have been handicapped when they sought to extend their trade to those fields now held by the coast cities. For instance, in Nevada they found they were discriminated against in favor of San Francisco and Los Angeles, the freight charges to Ogden being in many cases equal to the freight rate to San Francisco, with a local rate back added. Now if Ogden, with the broad enforcement of the Spokane decision, is to receive freight rates approximately proportional on a mileage basis to those charged San Francisco, the jobbers of Ogden will be able to not only invade the western Nevada territory, but they will make the San Francisco wholesalers do business on a fair margin of profit or force them out of the field.

The full text of the Spokane rate case decision will be published in this paper as soon as it is received from Washington.

## BENZOATE OF SODA.

The fact that large financial interests are taking up the cudgels on both sides of the fight over benzoate of soda as a food preservative shows the importance of the question and indicates the necessity of scrutinizing the authority and integrity of opinions offered to the public, declares Literary Digest. The scientific press are now telling what they think of Dr. Wiley and the preservative he condemns, and we shall give their findings as they appear from time to time. Some writers speak of benzoate of soda as being used to disguise stale and inferior meats and fruits, and while this may be true of some firms, there are others using it whose character and cleanliness have stood every test. The findings of the referee board appointed by the President to review the decisions of the Bureau of Chemistry, noticed in our issue for February 6, have been regarded by certain people as discrediting Dr. Wiley and his labors in behalf of pure food. The action of the board in reversing the decision of Dr. Wiley in regard to the harmfulness of benzoate of soda as a preservative has in particular been viewed by the Doctor's enemies as necessitating his resignation, and the Washington dispatches are predicting his retirement. His opposition to this preservative is endorsed, however, by The Journal of the American Medical Association. Says this paper: "Briefly stated, the referee board—the scientific attainments and unimpeachable reputation of whose personnel requires that its decisions be given the most thoughtful consideration—has, in a series of experiments on 'poison squads' extending over a period of four months, reached results diametrically opposite to those arrived at by Dr. Wiley in a similar series of experiments which he conducted for nearly a year.

"This decision of the board leaves the question of the physiologic action of sodium benzoate on the community practically where it was before; that is, that while the substance is known to be a bacterial poison, its deleterious action on the human organism is, in the words of the Scotch verdict, 'not proven.'"

"It is greatly to be regretted that the public announcement of the decision of the referee board should not have been so worded as to make clear to the public mind the limitations of the question under consideration. There is some danger that to the public the decision will mean that Dr. Wiley's work is discredited, when as a matter of fact it means nothing of the sort. The point that the board's report emphasizes is that under the conditions of the experiments—which consisted in giving healthy young men certain definite quantities of sodium benzoate for a period not exceeding four months—the preservative is without deleterious action and is not injurious to health. To assume from these findings that the use of benzoate of soda in foodstuffs is therefore beyond criticism is absolutely unwarranted, and there is little doubt but that the board itself would be the last body to sanction such an assumption. Neither is there the slightest ground for assuming from the experiments that benzoate of soda in milk used by infants and invalids is not deleterious or injurious."

## DEMANDING CONSERVATISM.

Charles A. Moore, head of big manufacturing producing machinery, and supplies for railroads, has sent out a circular to the press, in which he says:

"Investors are afraid. They believe that public hostility is still strong against railroads and they fear that there will be legislative restrictions and administrative activity in state and nation which may increase expenditures, reduce revenues and thus tend to impair interest and dividends. Holders of capital can be reassured as to future legislation if those immediately interested will allow it to be known that they desire conservatism."

"Appeals which many citizens are making by letter to federal and state officials ask that every measure for restriction of railroads shall be carefully investigated with a view to ascertaining whether a railroad has resources to meet the cost and whether there is reasonable certainty that the proposed law will promote and not retard the development of transportation facilities. The movement does not contemplate a relaxed vigilance as to observance of law by railroads; it does not countenance withdrawal or suspension of remedies for past grievances. It does not seek on behalf of railroads immunity from the obligation to increase the safety of the traveling public. All that is urged is that the railroads, when compelled by law to increase their expenditures, shall be allowed adequate revenues for maintaining proper operation, a wage scale in accordance with American standards of living and dividends sufficient to attract investment—the last named to insure the borrowing and hence the constructing power of transportation companies."

## CURE FOR PNEUMONIA.

The following is a cure for pneumonia, which is being applied with great success in Colorado:

Saturate a ball of cotton as large as a one-inch marble, with spirits of alcohol, add three drops of chloroform to each ball of cotton, place it between the patient's teeth, and let him inhale the fumes in deep long breaths for fifteen minutes; then, rest for fifteen minutes, or longer, if needed; then inhale again fifteen minutes, and repeat the operation, as directed, for twenty-four times and the result will be that the lungs will expand to their normal condition, and in twenty-four hours the patient is out of danger and in forty-eight hours he is cured—although weak.

Cotton should be changed twice in fifteen minutes.

Another method of inhalation for elderly people without teeth, and patients in last stages of pneumonia:

Get a small alcohol lamp, or any other heating apparatus, and a porcelain cup, make a one-inch thick cover of wood for the cup—put four small nails under the cover to prevent sliding off; bore a one-half inch hole in the middle and insert in the cover a one-half inch rubber tube long enough to reach patient's mouth, then boil alcohol diluted with water 5 per cent, or plain, half and half (no chloroform needed in this method) and let patient inhale through tube the fumes of the boiling alcohol in deep long breaths for fifteen minutes.

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As we understand our esteemed contemporary, who so glibly prates of



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the virtues of his colleagues, members of the city council, he and the city councilmen knew, long prior to the time of the Standard expose, that Mr. De Vine was attempting his salary grab, but that paper and the city councilmen kept mum. Well, let it go at that. Another such a defense will keep the members of the city administration explaining to the end of their terms in office. In the meantime read A. W. Agee's communication in this issue of the Standard, under the heading, "Startling Disclosure in the Waterworks Deal."

## WATERWORKS COMMISSION.

Mr. Editor—In the matter of the proposed "Waterworks Commission," a great deal has been said and written as to the possibility of finding three honest men who would serve the city as water commissioners "without compensation."

It is urged that if the three gentlemen whom the mayor might select and the council might confirm should act dishonestly—one or all of them—why, there is the \$10,000 bond that each one of the patriots would have to give.

This whole question of the management of the waterworks does not hinge so much on the matter of honesty of the men as on the policy they adopt. It is not only a question of men but of methods and policies.

It has always been fashionable to sneer at the lack of honesty among men. Two thousand years ago an old loafer named Diogenes made a great hit by going about the streets of Athens in broad daylight with a lighted candle telling every one that he "was looking for an honest man." People have been repeating the story ever since as if it proved anything.

The fact is, that honesty is the commonest of human virtues. It is good horse sense that is so scarce. More business men fail from incompetency than from dishonesty.

And yet it is a custom when a firm

falls, for people to say "Wonder what the trouble was? They seemed honest enough."

Honesty, or the lack of it, probably had nothing to do with the failure. It came from following the wrong policy. The firm rented a store room in the wrong locality; filled the shelves with the wrong goods; gave their clerks the wrong instructions; put out the wrong kind of advertising, and when customers came failed to please them. Honestly had nothing to do with it.

The people of Ogden have been trying to regain possession of the city waterworks for the past 19 years.

Why?

Because they were dissatisfied with the policy of the waterworks management under private control.

The "Ogden Waterworks company of Baker City, Oregon," was honest enough in its dealings with the Ogden public, but its policy was objectionable.

Why?

The company was a private corporation, formed for the purpose of making money.

To make money was its policy. It stuck to its policy. Every year it planned to make all the money it could out of the waterworks. That was its business, and it stuck closely to business.

The people of Thirty-third street west of Washington, of Twenty-eighth street west of Wall, of Twenty-sixth street east of Quincy, of Wall avenue south of Thirtieth street, of Five Points, of Twentieth street, of any one of a dozen remote localities might petition for extension of water mains but there was always the same smiling reply, "We are not making any extensions now."

Petitioners might offer a guaranty of 8 per cent profit on the cost of making the extension. No good.

They might urge that with the advent of city water their locality would build up and thus other customers would come to the company. Still the same reply.

They might even argue that because of the lack of pure water their locality was visited by the dread typhoid. "We are not making any extensions."

Why?

Because it was not the policy of the company. The company was perfectly honest about it. Why should the company divert money, that should go to the stockholders in dividends to pay the cost of running a pipe line out to John Jones' house in Sundown addition?

Why should the company invest more capital in extensions that only promised a return of 8 per cent when the company's profits on the money already invested was much greater than that?

Let John Jones run a private pipe line down to the nearest main or else move his old shack into town.

Every day the people of Ogden found new proof that the "Ogden Waterworks company of Baker City, Oregon," was not organized as a public benefactor, but to make money for its stockholders, and for that reason they voted—three to one—to buy the waterworks and own them themselves.

The people of Ogden do now own the waterworks. They paid \$555,400 for them. The system has been turned over to the city and the purchase money has been paid.

What is the next step?

Some well-meaning gentlemen think that the first and most important thing is to put the management of the waterworks at once and effectually as far away from the reach and influence of the citizens of Ogden as possible. Appoint a commission, they say, who will handle the system for the people for the next six years in a conservative, businesslike manner.

With them it is not a question of what the people want to do with their own property, but what is best for the waterworks.

Their attitude toward the citizens in this matter reminds one strongly of little scenes that are often enacted in homes where some child has been allowed to purchase some costly toy or plaything with the money from its own savings bank.

Before the child has had time to become at all familiar with the workings of the toy the fond parent says:

Now, my dear child, you have played with that toy long enough. It is too valuable and cost too much money to allow you to play with it any more. Now, don't pout! I am doing

this for your own good. It hurts me more than it hurts you. You might be tempted to take it apart and look at the wheels. So I will just take it now before you ruin it and give it into the charge of three honorable gentlemen whose names I have in my mind. They will manage and take care of it for you, dear child, for the next six years, and every year they will make you a report on what they have done with your property, and if there is anything coming to you you can see by the report how much it is, and any time you don't like the way they manage it, you can go to the law about it."

You see, Mr. Editor, this question of who shall run the waterworks is after all not so much a matter of honesty as of policies. Shall the old cold-blooded money-making policy continue?

Shall the system be operated for the benefit of the citizens or for the sole purpose of piling up money to lie in some bank?

Was the city made for the waterworks or the waterworks made for the city?

Why have the people struggled for 19 years to recover possession of this great public utility?

Here is the answer: 1—In order that every house in every part of this city shall be supplied with city water, if not at once, then as soon as it can be conveniently done.

2—In order that the supply of drinking water may be so handled that it will be free from mud and the germs of disease.

3—In order that the supply of water may be increased by purchase, or otherwise, so that there will be plenty and to spare in the years to come, when Ogden shall have become a city of twice its present size.

Will the promoters of the commission plan guarantee that the "Little Ogden" policy will not be continued? Will they give a bond protecting the city from the pin-headedness of the first set of commissioners as well as from their dishonesty?

Or will it not be better for the people to remain in possession of their property now they have it?

Yours for the Greater Ogden.  
(Signed) O. A. KENNEDY.

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